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COPENHAGEN, JUNE 12, 1978: ZAIRE

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1. DANISH MFA DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR, PETER DYVIG,
SAID THAT ZAIRE WAS DISCUSSED EXTENSIVELY DURING A
TWO AND ONE-HALF HOUR LUNCH AMONG FOREIGN MINISTERS
(REFTEL). THEY WERE JOINED BY EC COMMISSIONERS NATALI
AND CHEYSSON. IN FACT, EXCEPT FOR THE QUESTION OF
ENLARGEMENT, ALL OTHER MATTERS WERE TAKEN UP DURING
THE LUNCH, WHICH DYVIG DID NOT ATTEND, AND ON WHICH
HE DEPENDED FOR HIS READOUT ON DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER
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K B ANDERSEN'S ACCOUNT TO HIM LATE YESTERDAY
AFTERNOON.

2. THE FRENCH AND BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS HELD
FORTH ON THEIR APPRAISAL OF THE SITUATION WHICH
INCLUDED AN ACCOUNT OF THE JUNE 5 FIVE-POWER PARIS
TALKS. PART OF THE DISCUSSION CONCERNED HOW MUCH

PRESSURE THE WEST SHOULD PUT ON MOBUTO TO EFFECT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REFORMS. ALTHOUGH IT DOES APPEAR THAT A CONSENSUS WAS REACHED, THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL SENTIMENT THAT MOBUTO SHOULD NOT BE PUSHED TOO FAR NOW.

3. ONE, UNSPECIFIED, FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT NOW WAS THE TIME FOR "ALL OF THE WEST TO STOCK TOGETHER ON THIS ISSUE." DYVIG STRESSED THAT THE DANISH AND IRISH FOREIGN MINISTERS RESERVED THEIR POSITIONS. THEY SAID THEY WERE PREPARED TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES AND ATTITUDES OF THE VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE NINE ON ZAIRE BUT THAT-THIS WAS NOT A MATTER FOR COMMON EC ACTION OR ENGAGEMENT.

4. MFA EC PRESIDENCY CHIEF BOJER JOINED DYVIG IN NOTING THAT THE DANES AND THE IRISH WERE THE ONLY ONES TO EXPRESS SPECIFIC RESERVATIONS. REACTIONS OF OTHERS RANGED FROM "ADVOCACY" TO SILENCE. THORN OF LUXEMBOURG SAID NOTHING DURING THE DISCUSSION. THE DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT BECAUSE OF HIS COUNTRY'S CLOSE TIES WITH BELGIUM HE WAS PREPARED TO "GO ALONG" WITH BELGIAN RECOMMENDATIONS. THE ITALIANS WERE "POSITIVE" ON THE POSITION OF THE FRENCH AND BELGIANS. THE ATTITUDES OF THE UK AND FRG FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE NOT DESCRIBED.
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5. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION, DYVIG SAID THAT BASED ON WHAT ANDERSEN HAD TOLD HIM, THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF HOW MUCH THE CUBANS WERE ACTUALLY INVOLVED IN THE SHABA INVASION.
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